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MASSACHUSETTS MAN CHARGED WITH BANK ROBBERY

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono and Special Agent in Charge of the Boston Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Kenneth W. Kaiser, today announced that Joseph Thibault 32, of Barrington, New Hampshire, and West Boylston, Massachusetts, was sentenced to 69 months in federal prison after pleading guilty to eight counts of bank robbery. Thibault was also sentenced to three years of supervised release after he completes his prison sentence. During the period of supervised release, Thibault's conduct will be monitored by the United States Probation Office. Thibault was also ordered to pay \$29,238.00 in restitution to the banks.

Thibault was arrested on July 2, 2004, in West Boylston, Massachusetts. Thibault pleaded guilty to robbing the Citizens Bank, Route 108, Stratham, New Hampshire, on June 22, 2004, the Southbridge Savings Bank in Worcester, Massachusetts, on November 17, 2003 and again on June 11, 2004, the Citizens Bank in Smithfield, Rhode Island, on March 5, 2004, the Ocean National Bank in Plaistow, New Hampshire, on December 11, 2003, the Citizens Bank in Worcester, Massachusetts on June 14, 2003, and the Millbury Credit Union in Worcester, Massachusetts on May 24, 2003. Thibault agreed to have all the charges addressed in a single proceeding in New Hampshire.

United States Attorney Tom Colantuono stated: "This case is an excellent example of the results that can be achieved when federal and local law enforcement agencies work closely together. Through such cooperation, federal and local law enforcement agencies were able to gather the evidence that identified and located the defendant, a serial robber. The evidence collected by those agencies resulted in the plea and sentencing that this office announced today."

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Don Feith.